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Dear Jeff,

Thanks for your 2/6. Glad you were not hurt more. You have you kind of natural disaster and we are surviving another, endless snow and sleet, four inches of the later alone yesterday.

One friend in Sherman Oaks did not get hurt very much. I've not heard from another friend who lives there.

Do you think anyone on your paper cares about the dispute with Posner over Kwitny's review? Enough to do a job on Posner?

I do not recall whether I'm repeating myself or not (took me 80 years to earn that right!) but I was writing Inside the JFK Assassination Industry when Posner's book appeared. I had planned a chapter or two on it until I read it. Then I did a lengthy examination of it, at least 200,000 words. I titled it Hoax. Richard Gallen/Carroll & Graf are doing less than half (by eliminating whole chapters, not editing) under the title Case Open. They've not told me but I think it will be out in April. While I've not been told I think they believed it powerful enough to go with a smaller book. So, I wonder whether there is anyone at the Times who might be interested in a copy other than those to whom I presume review copies would be sent.

Meanwhile, I've picked Inside up again, to read, correct and finish it.

Posner did the most intendedly dishonest book of all. I have a hunch that the sale was disappointing but that the sale of ancillary rights was fantastic.

He wrote a friend that he is busy correcting mistakes in it. He did not use that word, of course, but that is what he has had to do for the reprint due the end of the summer, Anchor/Doubleday.

He won't be able to corect all the mistakes and still have a book. Besides, the criticisms he has gotten are from those who do not know the material well enough to spot all the mstkakes.

Best,

Harold